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February 22nd, 1913, Temperature a.m. 65, p.m. 64; Humidity... 61, 63.

WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.
Barometer 30.20

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1913.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR. MONTENEGROIN POLICY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 21.
The Montenegrin delegate, M. Popovitch, visited the British Foreign Office yesterday and said he had been instructed to intimate that Montenegro would rather risk annihilation than accept a compromise depriving her of Soutari.

Later.
The Serbian Delegate yesterday informed Sir Edward Grey and the Ambassadors that Serbia associates herself entirely with the Montenegrin demand regarding Soutari, and also insists in Djakova and Dibra remaining outside Albania, contrary to the Austrian demand.

Mediation Accepted.
It is authoritatively stated in St. Petersburg that Roumania and Bulgaria have accepted the mediation of the Powers.

Peace Possible.
In view of the indecisive nature of the war operations, the intense cold and the exhaustion, both physical and financial of both Turkey and the Allies, the idea of effective mediation on the part of the Powers aiming at peace is gaining ground. Turkey is willing, and movement on the part of the Allies is now awaited.

H.M.S. NEW ZEALAND. ARRIVAL AT ASCENSION.

London, February 21.
A message from Ascension states that the battleship New Zealand has arrived there with a crew of 600.
She is the largest warship that has yet been built of the Line and duly paid her tribute to Neptune. The Islanders defeated the crew in a cricket match.

WIRELESS CONTRACT. MARCONI CO. INSISTENT.

London, February 21.
The Marconi Company has written to the Post Office insisting on the cancellation of the Imperial wireless contract after March 1st.

They add they are prepared to reconsider the matter when it is definitely decided to build the Imperial stations.

MRS. PANKHURST. HER RECENT SPEECH.

London, February 21.
The Home Office has referred to the law officers of the Crown Mrs. Pankhurst's speech of the 19th inst., in which she accepted full responsibility for blowing up Mr. Lloyd George's new country house.

THE ARGENTINE. A GOOD MAIZE CROP.

London, February 21.
A message from Buenos Ayres states that the first official estimate of the maize crop is five million tons. The quality is equal to that of the preceding crop, despite the drought.

OBITUARY.

SERGT. ASHFORD, V. C.

London, February 21.
The death is announced of Serjt. T. Ashford, V.C., of the Royal Fusiliers, who won the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in the Afghan War in 1880.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE. A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 21.
M. Delcasse's appointment as French Ambassador to St. Petersburg has surprised and delighted Paris. It is regarded as strengthening the Franco-Russian Alliance. The Czar's approval of his nomination was the first news received by the Deputies.

Reply to Germany.
Though semi-official communications declare that the appointment is not connected with the relations with Germany, the public regard it as, in part, a reply to the increase of German armaments, taken in conjunction with the outspokenness of the President's message concerning the army and the bestowal of the 'highly-prized Cross of the Legion of Honour' on the Serb-galese Rifle.

President Poincare Honoured.
Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that as a further sign of the friendliness with France and as an expression of his personal admiration for M. Poincare, the Czar has presented the President with the Order of St. Andrew.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

HELD UP BY SNOW.

London, February 21.
Mr. Lloyd George, while motor-ing from Paris to Nice, was com-pelled to stay at the village of Paulhan, owing to the heavy snow.

News Indeed!
He bought newspapers and read to Sir Rufus Isaacs and his other companions the account of his country house having been blown up by bombs.

SHARPLY FINED.

Pilfering of Sand from the Foreshore.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazell at the Police Court, this morning, with re-mov-ing sand from the foreshore at Sa Lum Bay. It was stated that numerous complaints had been received of sand being removed, the result being that when the tide came up, it flooded the paddy fields.

Mr. Edwards, of the P.W.D., said that there had been a lot of pilfering of sand going on, and it was difficult to catch offenders.

The defendants were each fined \$100, and, on a further charge of having no lights on their boats, further fines of \$25 were inflicted.

TREE-CUTTING.

Case May Be Withdrawn

Two Chinese and two Indians, appeared before Mr. O. D. Mel-bourne at the Police Court to-day, charged by Mr. Green, of the Forestry Department, with out-ting down trees on Crown land off the Shaikwan Road.

Defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were represented by Mr. J. H. Gardiner.

Mr. Gardiner said that he was instructed that the cutting took place on land owned by the de-fendants' employer, and he had the lease in Court.

On the Magistrate's suggestion, the prosecutor and defending solicitor conferred, and as a result, Mr. Gardiner asked for a remand, remarking: "The case will prob-ably be withdrawn if Mr. Green finds that the cutting was on land actually belonging to the employ-er."

The case was remanded until Tuesday February 25th.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SCOTT FUNDS. MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 21.
There was a big jump in the subscriptions to the Scott funds yesterday. Lord Howard de Walden, Lord Strathcona, Sir Edgar Speyer, and the Royal Geographical Society each con-tributing £1,000; Mr. Otto Beit, £200; Sir Frederick and Lady Mirrieless £100.

Government's Munificence.

Later.
Mr. Asquith has informed the Lord Mayor of London that the Government proposes to provide out of National Funds for all the relatives and dependents of Cap-tain Scott and his four compan-ions, so that they may be in as good a position as if the disaster had not occurred.

CARE OF THE SICK.

The Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals.

The Alice Memorial Hospital, and affiliated hospitals, have been doing remarkably good work during the year, as was shown at the Annual Meeting of the Finance Committee, held at the offices of the Hon Mr E. R. Hallifax, (the Chairman of the Committee), at noon to-day. Among those present were:—Sir Kai Ho Kai, the Rev T. W. Pearce, the Rev H. R. Wells, Messrs A. Mackenzie, Coppin, Dr. Gibson, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. J. W. Lee-Jones and Mr. MacLean Gibson, Medical Missionary Superintendent and Secretary.

The Alice Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals, Hong-kong are run in connection with the London Missionary Society.

Benefits for Chinese.

Mr. J. W. Lee-Jones in present-ing the accounts said that at the close of last year there was a debit balance \$3,065 and he was happy to say that this showed a better state of affairs than existed in the previous year. They would see that was a debit balance in 1911 of \$3,991.31C. Roughly speaking, they had im-proved the financial position of the hospital to the extent of about nine hundred dollars. He might say that throughout the year the subscriptions from the European population in the Colony came in readily—very readily—and there appeared to be no difficulty in getting sub-scriptions from the European firms and those interested in the hospitals. But he was very much disappointed by the Chinese who had found those hospitals such a great relief for suffering. They did not respond in the way that both he and the Committee would have liked them to, but up to the present moment there were very great calls upon the Chinese community in the way of charities.

Economically Managed.
These hospitals were very old-standing and had done an enor-mous amount of good to the Chinese community generally, and were doing, and would still continue to do, great good. He ventured to think from the way he had gone into the accounts during the past year, that there were no hospitals in any part of the Em-pire which were so well financially managed and run so economically. It had astonished him to find the small amount of cost upon which these hospitals were able to man-age their affairs, and he thought if the Chinese community would be good enough to consider this, and the fairness of the benefits they derived for their sub-scriptions, they might more liberally support the hospitals.

He thought also that if some effort was made to call the attention of the Chinese community to the benefits they

can derive from the close economy and the care kept over the ac-counts and the subscriptions, they would more readily respond in the future. He did not think he could say anything more with the exception that he regretted that, owing his leave of absence, he would no longer, or at least for the present, be able to carry on the Trusteeship of these hospi-tals. He placed down office with regret.

Sir Kai Ho Kai Explains.
Dr. L. E. Mitchell proposed the adoption of the statement of accounts and in doing so said that they had kept the expenses within the limits and that was a matter of great satisfaction.

Sir Kai Ho Kai seconded the motion and said that the state-ment of the treasurer was to a great extent a satisfactory one to himself personally, and to the Chinese community. Last year, and the year before last were very bad years for the Chinese community in as much as there were so many calls upon their charitable purses, and they had also to subscribe to a number of other objects. He thought it was a matter of great satisfaction to them to know that they had improved on the re-ceipts of last year, and that they had made a very much greater improvement on the year before that. Most of the members present knew that at that time they had a debt of about \$5,000 which had to be recorded against them, but a great effort had been made to clear off that debt and they had succeeded to the extent of \$3,000. He found that the re-ceipts from Chinese sources had improved from year to year.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Chairman Re-elected.

Sir Kai Ho Kai then proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr. Hallifax as the chairman. Dr. Gibson seconded, and the resolu-tion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Pearce, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Wells, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lee-Jones for his services.

Mr. Lee-Jones:—I thank you very kindly for your remarks.

On the motion of Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Ng Hon Tsz, Mr. Coppin was elected treasurer.

The Chairman, in a short speech, referred to the state of affairs, and said that there was little for him to add to what had been said except to say that this year, as compared with last year, showed their position to be very much better; the clouds were lighten-ing. Last year they had a series of discussions as re-gards the methods of raising new funds, but the methods proposed were so drastic that it was neces-sary to appoint a sub-committee, and by the time the sub-com-mittee had completed its labours, things were better. The expend-iture had been kept within the limits and that was all.

Calendars.
We have received a charming calendar from the Indian African Line, which gives views of two vessels the s.s. Salamis, and s.s. Tinhow, as well as interesting photos of decks and saloons. It is printed with fine design in black and is quite an artistic production.

China Society's Conversazione.
The annual conversazione of the China Society was held in the rooms of Princes Hotel, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 8 to 11.30 p.m. The Pres-ident, Mr. Excellency the Chinese Minister, received the guests.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN UPHEAVAL. BETTER NEWS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 21.
Reuter's correspondent at Mexico City wires that the tur-moil is rapidly subsiding.

General Diaz has made a trium-phal entry into the City at the head of troops, and President Huerta welcomed him in the Palace, where felicitations were exchanged.

Afterwards, the troops were reviewed. The citizens joined in the celebrations.

President Huerta has ordered the release of all political pris-oners.

Other parts of the country have notified their adherence to the appointment of President Huerta.

TELEGRAMS.

JAPANESE FINANCE. THE NEW MINISTER.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 21.
The "Times" announces that the appointment of Baron Takahashi as Japanese Minister of Finance is well received in the City. It adds that affairs in Japan demand exceptional pru-dence and firmness from the statesmen charged with the coun-try's finances, and says it believes Baron Takahashi to be endowed with both these qualities.

that was necessary at the moment. Things were hardly favourable last year for pressing for subscriptions, but he hoped that the hard work of Dr. Mitchell would bear fruit as regards the subscriptions. They were all glad to see Dr. Gibson back again with them. In conclusion he thought they could congratulate them selves on the improved state of affairs during the past year.

A vote of thanks to the Chair-man, and a short speech return-ing thanks from the Hon. Mr. Hallifax concluded the meeting.

THE GOLD TOOTH.

Peculiar Story of Theft.

Pride in a gold tooth led to the owner appearing as a prosecutor against a man, for stealing the same. The prosecutor was asked by a friend about the gold tooth, and he took it out of its usual place and allowed the other to handle and inspect it. While the friend was doing that, the de-fendant, another acquaintance, snatched the tooth away and ran off with it. Prosecutor merely thought that the defendant wanted to "play with it, or keep it for one or two days," and did not worry until four days' later. Then the defendant told him he had pawned the tooth at a shop in Second Street. The owner re-ported the matter to the police.

This morning at the Police Court, the defendant, who alleged that he was falsely accused, was sent to prison for fourteen days by Mr. O. D. Melbourne.

CHESS.

Yesterday evening the Hong-kong Chess Club visited the Y.M.C.A. Rooms to meet the Association's Chess Club in a friendly match of five aside. The result of the former meeting be-tween the two clubs in the Pollock Challenge Shield competition was completely reversed and the Y.M.C.A. ran out the winners, after some interesting games, by eight games to two.

The score was as under:—
Y.M.C.A. H.K. Chess Club.
R. Piercy ... 2 v. S. D. Setna 0
Rev. C. Bone 2 v. Dr. Saunders 0
J. T. Long ... 2 v. R. T. Peyton 0
O.A. Suther-ton ... 2 v. H. Poulsen 0
A. Vireash ... 0 v. R. A. Dastur 2
Total 8 Total 2

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COURSING. WATERLOO CUP RESULT.

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London, February 21.
In the final of the Waterloo Cup, Hung Well beat Huldee. The batting was 5 to 2 against the winner.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.
23rd February, 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.). Matins (11 a.m.). Res-ponses, Feriat; Venite, Macfarren; Psalms, of the 24th Morning; Benedictus, Arnold. Armes, Arn-oid; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns, 261, and 259. Even-song (5.45 p.m.) (Full Choir). Responses, Feriat; Psalms, of the 23rd evening; Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis, Walmesley in D. Minor; Anthem, "Behold the Lamb that was slain."—Spohr; Hymns, 268 and 431; Sevenfold Amen; Miserere. Felton in C Minor.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
23rd February, 1913. Third Sun-day in Lent. Matins 11 a.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Holy Com-munion after the Evening Service. Matins:—Hymn, 7; Responses, Festal; Venite, 23rd Day; Psalms, as set; Te Deum, Lawer, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedictus, Gurnett; Hymns, 203, 269, and 257. Even-song: Hymn, 299; Responses, Festal; Psalms, Tonus, Peregrinus; Ninkens; Magnificat; Barnaby; Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns 277, 197, and 10; Kyrie, Men-delesohn. Vesper Hymn.

Garrison Divine Service.—
Church of England Victoria Cath-edral 9.15 a.m. Chaplain: Church of England Detention Barrack Detention Barrack 12 noon. Chaplain, R. N. Church of England Stonecutters Barracks, Under Orders. Senior Officer. Church of England Military Hos-pital Bowen Road 6 p.m. Chaplain: Church of England Lyemum Barracks, 11.15 a.m. Chaplain. Church of England, Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman. Church of Eng-land Mount Austin Barracks, Under Orders. Senior Officer. Baptist Victoria Union Church 10 a.m., Senior Officer. Congrega-tionalist Victoria Union Church, 10 a.m., Senior Officer. Presby-terian Victoria Union Church, 10 a.m., Senior Officer. Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m. Senior Officer, Wesleyan Mount Austin, Mount Austin, 10 a.m., Senior Officer. Roman Catholic Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m., Senior Officer. Roman Catholic Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m., Senior Officer. Union Church, Kennedy Road. Minister, Rev. O. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship. Hymns 95 and 91; Psalm 100; Chant, Anthem, 12 noon Communion, 6 p.m. Public Worship. Hymns, 202, 198, 191, 243, and 201.

St. Peter's Church, West Point. Sunday, February 23rd, 1913. Third Sunday in Lent. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 a.m. Even-ing Prayer and Sermon 6.15 p.m. Holy Communion 7.15 p.m. Gos-pel Meeting at Seamen's Institute 8 p.m.

Christian Science services, MacDonnell Road:—Sunday, 11.15 a.m.; Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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The battleship New Zealand has arrived at Ascension.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Sir John Jordan has held a Conference regarding opium, at the Wai-chia-pu.

Mr. Lloyd George, motor-ing from Paris to Nice, has been hung up by heavy snow.

The Waterloo Cup has been won by Hung Well, who beat Huldee in the final.

The turmoil is rapidly sub-siding in Mexico, and all political prisoners have been released.

Montenegro and Serbia are at one in resisting Austrian demands regarding the future of Albania.

It is reported that a Loan Agreement with China for a small sum has been signed in London.

Paris is surprised and delight-ed at the appointment of M. Del-casse as French Ambassador to Russia.

It is authoritatively stated that Roumania and Bulgaria have accepted the mediation of the Powers.

Circumstances are making the idea of effective mediation by the Powers in the Balkans gain ground.

The "Times" comments in praiseworthy terms on the ap-pointment of Baron Takahashi as Japanese Minister of Finance.

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The Government proposes to provide for the dependents of Capt. Scott and companions to place them in as good a position as if no disaster had occurred.

LOCAL.

H.M.S. Hampshire arrived last evening.

"Hongkong 30 Years Ago" ap-pears to-day.

Items of local sporting news appear to-day.

A number of new appointments are recorded in the Government Gazette.

The final training gallops were held at the Racecourse this morning.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby weekly share report is published in this issue.

Three Chinese were fined \$100 each this morning for removing sand from the foreshore.

Non-Chinese persons in the Colony are liable to arrest if they cross the border line of the New Territories without passports.

The half yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-tion was held this morning at the City Hall.

To-day the annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals Finance Comm'ttee was held. It was stated that the position of affairs was very satisfactory.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 15 min.
3.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS.
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to
11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.
7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.
11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. " 10 min.
8.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.
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"Privet Cough."

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as to the prevalence of this irritat-
ing complaint. On the one hand
we have the statement of a lay
man that great "numbers of
people" suffer from catarrh of
the throat during the flowering sea-
son of the privet; and on the
other hand we have the doctors
saying that it is not within their
experience. But this, says the
layman, is easily explained by
the fact that the sickness is not
of such a nature as would make
one seek medical advice; it being
more disagreeable and irritating
than distressing, and it is sug-
gested that unless some steps are
taken to limit the growth of privet,
the shrub in this climate will
spread to such an extent that
"its control may become an ex-
pensive matter." It seems to us
that the subject is worthy of
further investigation. People do
not rush to hospitals or call in the
doctor on account of irritating
catarrhal troubles even when it is
persistent, and if the complaint
is common among residents who
live in districts where the privet
shrub flourishes, it ought not to
be difficult to enlist the co-opera-
tion of such in an effort to have
the question thoroughly in-
vestigated. In Hongkong we be-
lieve the flowering season for
privet begins in April, so that
there is no time to be lost if the
effort is to be made this year.

South China Morning Post.

The Beam and the Mote

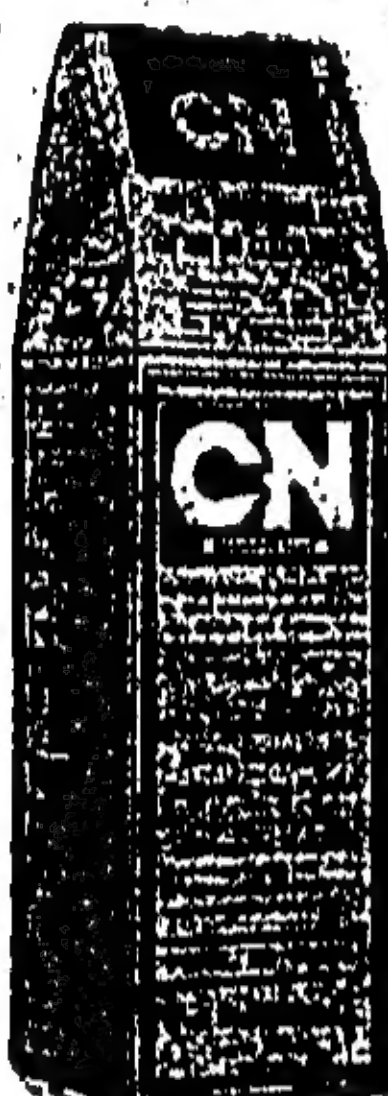
It was announced recently that
despite the denunciation of the
Russo-American commercial
treaty, which expired at the end
of last year, as the result of the
Russian attitude to the question
of Jewish passports, an informal
modus vivendi had been arrang-
ed at Washington whereby the
present tariffs and procedures re-
garding the admission of Ameri-
cans, including Jews, would be
maintained. The entire question
admirably illustrates the adage
of the beam and the mote. But
it is nevertheless strange that the
Government of a country like the
United States should not have
been able to appreciate the glaring
inconsistency involved in its
own arrogation of complete free-
dom to enact any immigration
laws it pleases, to exclude anar-
chists and polygamists, illite-
rates, Mongolians, etc., etc., and
its denial to the Russian Govern-
ment of analogous right.

China Mail.

Germany's Naval Policy.

As was stated in this column
some little time ago, there is a
belief—a comfortable belief, no
doubt, to those who hold it—that
the British are not the virile race
they once were, and that they are
"nervous" regarding undertak-
ing a war with a European power.
Such a feeling, though wrongly
understood by many, is wholly
admirable, for it is indubitable
that both to victorious and van-
quished such a war would be
disastrous simply because it
would annihilate the universal
ramifications of a vast commerce
in such a manner that those only
not engaged in the conflict could
possibly gain, while the longer
hostilities continued the more dis-
astrous to the combatants would
be the issue. That is evident
from the condition of the Bourses
even when a small tussle is in
progress. To-day more than ever
the economic factor dominates
the situation; and it is well that
it should. Wars cannot be con-
ducted without money; money
cannot be made without com-
merce—and to-day all nations are
more in favour of commerce than
of conquest.

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PURCHASING PATRIOTISM.

So much has been written both in praise and in condemnation of the Territorial Force as at present constituted that one might almost be excused for turning from the subject in the belief that little that is really helpful can be added to the voluminous comment already made. We think, however, it will be generally conceded that, on the whole, there has been rather a surfeit of destructive criticism in dealing with the question—commentators have been too ready to advocate destruction instead of considering the possibilities of reconstruction. On the other hand, few with any knowledge of the subject will say otherwise than that the Force as it exists to-day is a distinct improvement on the old Volunteer organisation in the efficiency of its members, in the amount of work put in, and in its closer relation to the defence scheme of the Homeland. Admittedly, there is a regrettable shortage of officers and men, and it is this point which must be searchingly dealt with if the Force is to discharge its best functions.

In accounting for the shortage of officers and men, consideration must be had of the fact that there is a section of the country's manhood who—we regret to admit the fact—shirk their obligations in this as in many other matters. But, remembering that the rank and file are recruited from the employed class, our opinion is that there is a far bigger proportion of young men who would willingly give their services were it not that they cannot afford to lose their wages or to run the greater risk, in many instances, of losing their employment either by absenting themselves for practice or by making repeated applications for leave of absence. Not that the employer is always to blame; indeed, many a patriotic business man who allows his men leave of absence for camp and for musketry is put to a disadvantage when compared with his less patriotic neighbour. What, then, is the remedy? One suggestion, which we do not recall encountering before, has been made by a North of England Territorial officer. He argues that in this commercial age patriotism must be bought and sold just as much as any other commodity, and suggests that if it is worth while to the State that 25 per cent. of an employer's men should be trained as soldiers, then the State should compensate him for his undoubted loss. It is advocated that the payment must be conditional and vary directly with the efficiency of the men; when an employer of labour can show that the members of the Force in his employ have become efficient, or, if not efficient, that he has allowed them all the facilities in his power to become so, then he should be entitled to money payment, either by way of income tax reduction or a direct subsidy. It is further suggested that the rank and file should be paid for their services in the drill hall, just as they are paid for their services at camp.

Though the need for considering this important question from such a basis will be regretted in some quarters, there is much in the suggestions worthy of attention. Under such a system it would be possible to maintain the Force at far less cost than a conscript army. Moreover, there would be no compulsion in the matter, and relatively little interference with the business careers of the employed soldiers.

Agricultural Work.

The "News-letter" of the Canton Christian College Schools has some interesting remarks to make regarding the agricultural work which is being carried on in connection with the College. The Chinese in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, it appears, are watching with interest the development of that work. The Chinese farmers, it states, are discouraged with mining and are turning to other means of livelihood. The farmer has many odds with which to contend. Want of capital is a serious drawback; the erratic nature of the rainfall is another. Where rice is grown, for instance, the first crop may be ruined by floods and the second may suffer from drought.

Inspiring the Farmer.

Quite naturally, therefore, Chinese farmers show interest in any attempt to make the land more productive. This is being done, we read, "by securing a liberal supply of fresh water and by the utilisation of all waste water. We are experimenting with surface and artesian wells. We have arrived at the conclusion that surface wells will provide sufficient water for irrigation during seven or eight months of the year but that to make possible the growth of some of the most desirable crops we shall be compelled to go to the river for water. We hope to see a pumping plant in that vicinity within the near future." This experiment will be watched with interest. It may be of great service to the Chinese in showing them new produce and new methods.

A Mail Matter.

For the last fortnight or so we have wondered why no names of steamers have appeared on the "Mails Arrived" board outside the General Post Office. Yesterday we made bold to enquire; and now we know. It is not that no mails have been received—the official explanation is that there is a shortage of metal letters with which to fill in the names on the board! And how has this shortage come about? The letter-plates, we are told, have been stolen off the board. This is the explanation given us. Before now we have seen the letters left in the board overnight, and though we do not know what possible use they could be to the thieving fraternity, it need not be marvelled at that in the morning some of the plates may have been found to be missing. But even if all the letters are stolen, surely the names of incoming mailboats could easily be chalked up. As things are, we have a very elaborate board, but it is always blank.

Tom Jones "In Disgrace."

Fielding's "Tom Jones" has been banned by the Free Library Committee of Doncaster. "An ink mark has been drawn through the name of the book in the list at the library, and the volume itself has been burned." Ye gods! And the English call themselves a literary people. In the opinion of those competent to judge (including foolish persons like Thackeray, Hazlitt, Professor Stansbury and Anatole France), "Tom Jones" is the greatest novel that England—and probably the world—ever produced; therefore a jury of Pecksniffs and Stiggins has made bold to ban and to burn the book. There's one consolation; they might have bowdlerized it—which would have been an infinitely greater affront to the Master who produced it. Having ruled "Fielding" out, we may look to hear that this congregation of wisecracks has attacked Shakespeare. By the favour of Providence such persons never heard of any other Elizabethan dramatist than he, or of any of the great Caroline and Restoration poets and playwrights. It is more than likely that many of these are to be found in Doncaster library unbeknown to these critics. Probably Sterne and Swift and Smollett are also there; but where ignorance is bliss it is folly to know that all these were infinitely greater than "Fielding," without having "half Fielding" to excuse them. And what about the Bible? Is that going to be burned too?

H.M.S. Hampshire. The Hampshire, which relieved the "Defence" on this station, arrived in port from Singapore last evening.

DAY BY DAY.

Remorse is very often the feeling we have when the thing doesn't work, and the world knows it.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Closes at 5 p.m. to-day, per Ohenan.
French Mail.—The Nera, from Europe, is due on Monday, p.m.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Nera on Monday at 5 p.m.

Jurors List.

The list of Special and Common Jurors for 1913 is issued.

Washington's Birthday. To-day is the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. All the war-vessels in the harbour were dressed, and at noon salutes were fired.

Hongkong Christian Union. The Rev. H.R. Wells will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next, the 24th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

Exporters and Dealers Association.

The first annual meeting of the Association of Exporters and Dealers in Hongkong is to be held on March 2.

Siamese Customs. A notice relative to changes in the method of entering goods through the Siamese Customs appears in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

Dumping Rubbish.

Charged with dumping rubbish in the street at West Point, at the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was fined \$7 by Mr. Hazeland.

Fire Alarm.

The fire-brigade were called out yesterday afternoon to a house in Pottinger Street, but on arrival found that the cause of alarm was a chimney on fire.

Leaving For Home.

Mr. J. F. Wright, of Messrs. Wright and Hornby, and Mrs. Wright leave for home by Siberia on Monday. They expect to return about the end of July.

Field Firing.

Field firing will be carried out by the 8th Rajputs, on the 25th, 26th and 27th February, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., daily, on ground west of Chuk Un Village, in a N.N.W. direction, towards Lion Rock.

New Architect.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct, under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 that the name of Mr. Joseph Robinson Maughan be added to the List of Authorized Architects.

Wasting Water.

Inspector Dymond charged a Chinese, before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning, with wasting water at West Point. Evidence was given to the effect that the defendant left one of the public water taps running, and a fine of \$5 was imposed.

Ordinances Assented To.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 2 of 1913.—An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1909. Ordinance No. 3 of 1913.—An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

Land Sale.

Ten lots of Crown land situated in the New Territory, the upset prices varying from \$6 to \$133, are to be sold at Taipo on the 26th inst. Five lots, varying from \$5 to \$131, are to be sold at Au Tan on the 27th inst. Inland Lot 1943, Shaokwan Road (upset price \$1,372) will be sold at the P.W.D. offices on March 10th. Three lots of land for quarrying granite are to be let by tender from March 15th, 1913, to June 30th, 1914.

Bishop of Victoria.

The engagements of the Bishop of Victoria for to-morrow (Sunday) are as follows:—9.15 a.m. prayer at the Military Parade service in the Cathedral; 3 p.m. Confirmation in the St. Paul's College Chapel; 6 p.m. preach at St. Andrew's Kowloon. On Wednesday next he is to hold a service at St. Stephen's Chinese Church for the admission of L.Y. Readers, and on Friday next he expects to go to Shanghai, to take part in two important missionary conferences.

TRAINING NOTES.

The Last Galloping Morning.

There was a good muster of spectators, including His Excellency the Governor, at Happy Valley, this morning, to witness the winding up gallops of the candidates for next week's events. There was a fairly large number of ponies out and the going being fairly good, everything was in the favour of owners obtaining a useful guide as to the merits or demerits of the different ponies.

Cleric covered a mile in 2-11 4/5, negotiating the final quarter in 32 4/5. Sunlight went well over a mile and a quarter, putting up 2 47 2/5 and 30 4/5 for the last two furlongs. Sir Beaumaris ridden by David, knocked off the mile in 2-17 1/5, doing the last quarter in 31 1/5. Over a gallop of a mile and a quarter Sweet Sultan had the benefit of Burkill's services and, after doing the distance in 2-52, finished in 30.4-5. One of the smoothest performances of the morning was that of Fijian Chief when, handled by Johnstone, he covered a mile in 2-13 taking 30.3-5 for the finish. Violini, though looking brighter than he did a few days ago, could not improve on 1-47 for three quarters, try as Dalgarno wished. In a gallop of a mile and a quarter Lump carried Moller in 3-0, 3-5 and finished up in 31. Ben Trovato was considered as likely to do better than he did and, though he had the assistance of Johnstone, the clock recorded 1-42.4-5 and 31.1-5 for the finish. Mr. Soares could certainly have improved upon his selection of an smah for Jambolini when he decided to ask Mr. Mitre for the assistance of The Blighter.

Even when the latter did join the speedy Jambolini in his mile gallop, the Derby candidate soon drew away from him and covered the distance in 2-12.3-5. It took 32 for Jambolini to put behind him the last two furlongs but he was not pressed. That game little pony of Mr. David's, Sir Acalon, with the owner up, travelled loosely over three quarters in 1-37 3/5, with the last quarter showing 31. Then Sweet William, a pony that has been clouded in mystery as to his chances of starting in the Blue Riband, after doing a mile and a quarter for Burkill in 2-45.1-5, finished in 30.4-5. Sweet Pea, ridden by Burkill, did a mile in 2-12.2-5, with the final quarter in 32.2-5. The dangerous Sir Bedivere, concerning which there has been much talk of being stiff in the shoulder, did a mile in 2-13 and covered the last quarter in 32.3-5. Whatever beats this pony in the Derby stands the best chance, of any entered for the event, of being led in the winner. Dalgarno had a narrow escape from being thrown and probably injured by the mad-headed Somerton, and it was not until he had run up the side of the course near the gate and had almost unshipped his jockey near the football field, that the rider got off and the pony returned to the stable. A little later, with Mr. Britton up, the same beast did the last half mile of a three-quarter gallop in 1-0 3/5, doing the last quarter in 33. The times recorded were:—Sir Bedivere (David 1m) 37-1/5; 1-03.3-5, 1-40.2-5, 2-13; 1-0 3/5. Mahratta Chief (Johnstone 1m) 38-1/5; 1-10.3-5, 1-42.2-5, 1-0 3/5. 31-4-5.

Joe Mighty (Doller 3-4 1/2) 31.3-5 1.06.1-5; 1-0 3/5. Taffy (Burkill 1m) 33.2-5; 1-06.2-5, 1-40.2-5, 1-0 3/5. Rosyth (Johnstone 1m) 35; 1-08.2/5, 1-41, 1-0 3/5. Somerton (Bruton 1 1/2) 1-06; 1-0 3/5. Mayfair (Johnstone) 35, 1-0 4-5, 1-44.1-5, 2-15 2-5; 1-0 3/5. Cleric (1 m) 32, 1-07, 1-39, 2-11.4-5; 1-0 3/5. Sandringham (Burkill 1 1/2) 34.1-5, 1-09.1-5, 1-45, 2-18.2-5; 2-50; 1-0 3/5. Diabolini (Dalgarno 3-4) 33.2-5, 1-16.1-5, 1-50; 1-0 3/5. Sunlight (Moller 1 1/2) 35.2-5; 1-10, 1-43.3-5, 2-16.3-5, 2-47.2-5; 1-0 3/5. Perpetual Motion (Johnstone 1 1/2) 35, 1-06.4-5. Favourite (David 1 m 1 3/4) 34.2-5, 1-07.4-5, 1-39.4-5; 1-0 3/5. Royal Rose (Burkill) 36.1-2; 1-45, 2-21, 2-52.4-5, 1-0 3/5. Capelli (Boy 3-4 1/2) 1-07; 1-38; 1-0 3/5.

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Ben Wyvis II. (Johnstone 3-4)

1-06, 1-38, 1-0 3/5.

Alvand (Dalgarno 1 m 1 3/4) 34, 1-08, 1-40.3-5; 1-0 3/5.

Barford (Moller 1 1/2, 1 3/4) 1-09, 1-40; 1-0 3/5.

Sir Beaumaris (David 1 m) 38, 2-5, 1-14.1-5, 1-46, 2-17.1-5; 1-0 3/5.

Sweet Sultan (Burkill 1 1/4) 35, 1-13, 1-48.3-5, 2-21.1-5, 2-52; 1-0 3/5.

Fijian Chief (Johnstone 1 mile) 34.4-5, 1-08.4-5, 1-42.2-5, 2-13; 1-0 3/5.

The Burglar (David 1 mile) 1-0 3/5.

Larkspur (Burkill) 38.2-5, 1-17, 1-51.2-5, 2-24.1-0 3/5.

Violini (Dalgarno 1 mile) 40, 1-15, 1-47; 1-0 3/5.

Borneo Chief (Johnstone 1 mile 1 1/4) 35.1-5, 1-07.2-5; 1-0 3/5.

Second Thoughts (Gresson 1 mile) 37.2-5, 1-10.3-5, 1-44.3-5; 1-0 3/5.

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Savinton (3-4 mile) 38, 1-13.2-5, 1-44, 1-0 3/5.

Silverton (Dalgarno 3-4) 41, 1-18; 1-43 1-0 3/5.

Paokrow (David 1 mile) 35.4-5, 1-09.4-5, 1-45, 2-18.2-5; 1-0 3/5.

Misterton (Dalgarno 1-9 mile) 35, 1-09; 1-0 3/5.

Gold (1 mile) 2-18; 1-0 3/5.

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HONGKONG THIRTY YEARS AGO.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.

The annual report of the above Company appears in the issue of February 20th, 1883. It states that the accounts for 1882 resulted in a net profit of \$240,000, which it was proposed should be dealt with as follows:—Add to Reserve Fund \$81,787.88, increasing the Fund to \$885,000.00; bonus to shareholders, \$18,232.34; pay a dividend of \$80 per share. The working account of 1882 showed \$250,732.56; at credit. The losses exceeded those of the previous year, and the re-insurance account was of necessity increased under the growth of the Company's business.

Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.

The report of this Company (Lane, Crawford and Co. general managers) showed that the business of the Company made a slight increase during the year, and the net profit on working account was \$3,953.68, while the balance on Profit and Loss Account amounted to \$3,763.45. The Managers recommended that a further amount of \$500 be written off the Real Estate Account; that a dividend of 10 per cent. be declared, absorbing \$3,000; and the balance of \$253.45 be carried forward. In accordance with the wishes of several shareholders, a deposit account had been opened at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and this stood in the books as a Reserve Fund, the amount at credit of which was \$4,000.

The Races.

The Races commenced on February 21st, and from the introductory matter to the first day's racing we gather that the training season had been a most disastrous one to owners of race ponies, owing principally to the long drought—no rain having fallen for nearly six months—which rendered the Racecourse at times quite unsafe for fast work. The exceedingly changeable character of the weather since October had also acted to swell the ranks of the crippled. Several powerful animals, Mr. Kerfoot's in particular, were reduced to mere skeletons, many valuable racers of attested excellence failing to stand a preparation. "It is to be hoped," remarked the "Colonist," "after the bitter experience of the past season that the leading racing men in the Colony will take practical steps to remedy the existing defects of our beautiful racecourse."

The opening day greatly favoured Mr. Paul's stable, which won the Wong-nai-chong Stakes, the Ashley Cup, the Royal Hawaiian Cup and the Valley Stakes. The Derby was won by Mr. St. Vincent's Ambassador (Mr. Bidwell up), which beat Mr. Paul's Reeler (Mr. Aubert up) by three lengths. Mr. Paul declared to win with Sunshine or Hornpipe and Mr. St. Vincent with Ambassador.

On the second day John Peel's stable was most in evidence, winning the Stakes, the Exchange Plate and the Brokers' Cup. The only win to the Paul stable was the German Cup.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. The fourteenth ordinary general meeting of this Company was held on February 19th, being presided over by the Hon. Mr. P. Ryrie. In his speech the Chairman stated that losses had occurred in the course of the year, but if losses did not occur some times there would be no fire insurance Companies. The accounts were approved, and Mr. C. V. Smith was elected a director in place of Mr. H. de C. Forbes, and the retiring directors, Messrs. H. F. Darby and H. Hoppius, were re-elected.

Queen's College.

The next term at Queen's College begins on March 3rd, and applicants for admission will be examined on February 28th and March 1st. Seamen's Institute Concert. We have been informed that Mrs. Lander, wife of the Bishop of Victoria, is arranging a concert to take place on Monday evening at 9 p.m. at the Seamen's Institute.

SPECIAL CABLES.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.
A PEKING CONFERENCE.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, February 22.
Sir John Jordan, British Minister to Peking, attended a conference at the Wai-chia-pu last evening on the subject of opium.

FUNDS FOR CHINA.
A SMALL LOAN.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, February 22.
It is reported from London that a Loan Agreement with China for a small sum, bearing interest at five and a half per cent. has been signed.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The ninety-fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation was held to-day in the City Hall, when the ninety-fifth Report of the Board of Directors was submitted. Mr. E. Shollum (Chairman), presided and there was present:—Messrs. J. H. Armstrong, Hon. C. H. Ross, S. H. Dodwell, G. Friesland, C. S. Gubbay, E. R. Lucrez, F. Lieb, W. L. Pattenden, J. A. Plummer, and H. A. Siebs, directors; N. J. Stabb, general manager, Chan Kai Ming, G. T. M. Edkins, Yeung Hin Tong, Chun Tong, Tang Chi Ngon, T. F. Hough, C. Siemssen, Ho Tung, A. Findley Smith, S. R. Carrill, Ho Wing, Ellis Kadoorie, A. Rodger, Lo Cheung Shin, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, W. Dunbar, A. C. Hynes, J. W. C. Bonnar, O. Pemberton, W. A. Purcell, J. Barton, M. Fernandez, J. M. da C. Basto, Chiu Chan Sam, Wong Leung Him, W. H. Potts, R. M. Joseph, J. H. N. Mody, A. H. Barlow, H. J. Gedge, P. C. Potts, Sang Foo, Tong Lai Chuen, D. H. Silas, W. C. D. Turner, G. E. Towns, A. J. P. Pamfrett, F. Maitland, J. Johnston, F. Smyth, G. C. Moxon, A. E. Griffin, J. F. Wright and T. W. Hornby.

Satisfactory Figures.
The Chief Manager read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen. The report and statement of accounts for the half year having been in your hands for some days, I shall with your permission, take them as read. I think the figures speak for themselves and will be regarded by you as satisfactory. The net profit for the six months, including \$1,060,288.64 brought forward from the previous half year, amounts to \$5,031,435.48 which, it is proposed to distribute as follows:—Dividend \$2—per share; Bonus in addition to the dividend 5/-per share; \$200,000 added to the Silver Reserve Fund and \$200,000 written off Bank Premises Account. After making these appropriations there is a balance of \$2,011,410.35 to be carried forward to the New Profit & Loss a/c, being some \$50,000 more than the amount brought in from the last account. I trust this distribution, which your Directors recommend, will meet with your approval.

Two Items.
There are only two items in the accounts to which I shall refer. The first, sterling Reserve Fund Investments, has undergone a slight change. Advantage was taken of a favourable opportunity to sell our 1915 Exchequer Bonds and purchase those of a new issue maturing in 1930. In place of the \$270,000 of the former, which stood in the books at 98, we now hold \$285,000 1930 Exchequers standing at 93. This exchange was effected at a small profit, so the transaction was very suitable in every way. We did not consider there was any occasion to write down Consols at the end of the year. Although the price has since dropped to 74.7-16 I hope the decline is only temporary and that there will be no necessity to write this stock down below our present book value of 75.

The other account is bank premises, off which we recommend writing \$2—lacs. The account stands at \$5,360,000, the increase being due to the payment for our London site, an

instalment a/c the new building in Bombay, extension to our Yokohama Office, cost of a site in Kuala Lumpur on which it is proposed to build our own offices, and to the purchase, on favourable terms, of the lot adjoining our property in Hankow, which it was considered advisable to acquire in view of probable extension there in the near future. The new building in London has yet to be paid for, and there is also expenditure in other places, so our Bank Premises account will be still further increased; as time goes on the policy of writing down this account should be adhered to. I may mention that very careful consideration is given to all expenditure in connection with premises, but past experience has shown us the wisdom of anticipating requirements and also of possessing our own buildings when expedient.

Before dealing with other matters, I would mention that your directors felt justified in recognising the able manner in which the Bank's affairs have been conducted, by voting a bonus of 10 per cent. to the staff on their salaries for the past year. You are well served by a loyal and capable staff, and your directors feel assured their action will receive your unanimous approval (Applause).

Trade Activity.
During the past year trade throughout the world has been very active, with a consequent good demand for money, and we have found ample opportunity for the employment of our resources. Indian trade continues in a highly flourishing condition and the country is attracting such large quantities of gold that it is evident India is becoming a factor of ever increasing importance in the Gold markets of the world. India was also an important factor in the Silver market, the heavy withdrawals of rupees from the Treasuries making it necessary for the Government to become purchasers of silver, and during the year they bought some \$8,000,000 of that metal for coinage purposes, being the equivalent of about Rs. 134 crores of coined rupees. The total reserves of silver coin at the end of the year, including silver in the gold standard reserve, in the mint and on the way, were about Rs. 20 crores against Rs. 25 crores on the 31st December 1911. A continuance of withdrawals on anything like the scale of last year will probably lead to further purchases of silver by the Indian Government.

The Opium Question.
In connection with India you will doubtless expect me to make a brief reference to the Opium Question, as it is one of great importance to that country and equally so to all connected with the trade. The agreement of 1911 between Great Britain and China and the manner in which it has been carried out by the latter have been no generally discussed that I need no enlarge on the matter, more especially as the whole position is, we understand, the subject of diplomatic negotiations. The Indian Government, however, have realised the seriousness of the situation by their action in giving notice of their intention to discontinue, after three months, the sale of certificated opium for the China market, and by imposing a high upset price on opium to be sold at the three auctions before sales cease.

Reasonable Complaint.
While fully sympathising with China in her efforts to suppress opium smoking, the fact should not be lost sight of that a certain period was arranged by China in which to attain that object, therefore those who entered into commitments on the good faith of the agreement being effective have reasonable cause for complaint at the present situation. I cannot but feel that an equitable arrangement will be arrived at whereby an outlet may be found for present stocks, which, on the basis of past years, only represent about nine months' consumption in China. It would hardly seem just that those who purchased opium from the Indian Government on the strength of the agreement should suffer through that agreement being ineffective.

So far as this Bank is concerned, it is in common with other Eastern Exchange Banks, is interested in the financing of the business, as it has been since its

foundation, but our present interest in not unduly large under the circumstances and the advances are to firms of good standing and show satisfactory margins on present quotations.

I shall not on this occasion refer in detail to all the countries where the Bank is established. Reports show they have participated in the general trade activity and advances from all places point to favourable conditions for the present year.

I am pleased to say that in Siam and Cochin China, where rice harvests have been very different for the past few years, full crops are practically assured this season.

Local Trade Good.
As regards Hongkong and South China, trade proved better than the outlook at the beginning of the year led us to expect. The Canton Silk crop did not perhaps come quite up to anticipations and the trade was handicapped by the war in the Balkans, but I believe, taking it all round, merchants have not done badly.

Import business, assisted by a favourable exchange, has been fairly prosperous notwithstanding the disturbed state of the neighbouring Provinces. Local industries appear to be in a healthy condition and have been attracting money from bona fide investors—always a welcome sign of confidence in the future.

In the Yangtze Valley and the Northern Provinces, excellent crops, and favourable conditions in the foreign markets, made the period under review a very satisfactory one, in spite of the political unrest and consequent monetary difficulties. The accumulations of imports at the Treaty ports, which necessarily took place during the serious disturbances in 1911, have, owing to the rise in exchange and advance in the price of Cotton and other foreign commodities gone into consumption freely on profitable terms, and I think the position as regards imports may be considered sound. With regard to exports the enquiry for most of the staple articles continued, notwithstanding the higher exchange, so it is evident that there is a steadily increasing demand for Chinese produce in foreign markets, and given settled conditions, the further development of China's trade can be confidently looked for.

In this connection I cannot do better than quote the following from a recent market report of Messrs. Ibert & Co., Shanghai, which I think aptly describes the situation:—"This extraordinary vitality of trade which the Country can show after a period of so great political and monetary stress as that through which it has passed suggests well for the future development of commerce in China, even if only a moiety of the principles of reform and progress which are mooted, ever become genuinely established."

The Loan Question.
When addressing you in August last, I referred to the loan negotiations between the Sixtiple Group and the Chinese Government, which were at that time suspended owing to the difficulty found by the latter in agreeing to conditions of security and expenditure considered indispensable by the Groups and their Governments but opposed by the sentiment of an influential section of the Chinese public. Shortly afterwards the Chinese Government concluded a loan with other parties, under conditions which dispensed with the guarantees demanded by the Groups and in circumstances with which the discussions in the Press have made you familiar.

The subsequent resumption of negotiations between the Groups and China and a frank discussion of mutual difficulties have, I am happy to believe, led to the removal of much misunderstanding on both sides. The terms of a final Agreement have now been satisfactorily arranged and its conclusion awaits only the decision of the question, to be settled between China and the Governments concerned, of the engagement of foreigners for the advisory and executive posts contemplated under the loan Agreement. When this matter has been finally settled, as I trust it will be, a sum of about \$25,000,000 will be placed at the disposal of China for the reorganisation of her finances under guarantee of



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Confidence in China.
In conclusion, Gentlemen, I should like to endorse the confidence expressed by my predecessor in the chair a year ago with regard to the future of China. I think we may safely trust to China's industrious population and great natural resources as a sufficient guarantee of prosperity. Troubles and difficulties inevitably follow great political changes and it may be sometime yet before the machinery of Government is in proper working order, but that will come, and with it the development and reform for which there seems to be a really genuine desire. The present Chinese Government has already given reassuring indications of its determination to introduce thorough reforms into its financial administration, and I feel sure all will unite with me in the sincere hope that the wise application of all money obtained will result in a restoration of credit and confidence and an increase of commercial and industrial activity to the benefit of China and all nations interested in Far Eastern trade. (Applause).

Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may put to the chair.

The a. being no questions, I propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, as presented.

Mr. Edkins' Speech.
Mr. G. T. M. Edkins seconded and said: Gentlemen, I rise with much pleasure in support of the report and accounts as presented to us. I feel that I shall be voicing your opinion when I say that these are eminently satisfactory and that we congratulate all concerned on the excellent results achieved. I think there is special cause for congratulation that the Bank's progress is steadily maintained in view of the abnormal conditions prevailing in the Far East.

Although the Chairman makes no definite statement on the point, I surmise the management, and staff have had complicated conditions to contend with in the conduct of the six months' working instance commercial and monetary conditions in China and the delicate and important loan negotiations, and I welcome the announcement of the board, as I am sure you will, that they have voted a bonus to the staff in appreciation of their services. (Applause).

The chairman has placed before us clearly and in a very interesting speech, the outstanding features of the past six months, and has predicated encouraging prospects for the current year.

There has been an important transaction in connection with the Bank's Reserves, resulting in reinvestment of £270,000 to £285,000 of Bonds.

It appears that commendable foresight has here been employed in anticipating the falling in of securities and replacing them at a favourable moment to an extended date.

The Bank's Premises.
We are told that the Bank's business premises in various parts of the world have now mounted up to over 54 millions of dollars in value and that this will be further increased.

This involves placing out a very large sum but we are assured that careful consideration is given to all expenditures, and I have no doubt that the policy the Bank has adopted in this connection will be thoroughly justified. With steady writing down of the Premises as recommended, the item Premises a/c is a sound asset and, I take it, practically a revenue producing investment inasmuch as rent is saved.

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To-day's Advertisements

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

TERM begins Monday 8th March next at 9 a.m.
Applicants for Admission will be examined and classed on Friday & Saturday, 22nd February & 1st March respectively, beginning each day at 9 a.m.

By Order.
Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1913. (202)

G. B. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1913, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at the Conduit Road Extension, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rents to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
K. J. STABB,
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Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1913. (204)

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SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	Wednesday, 26th Feb., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Thursday, 27th Feb., 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 1st March, 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	YATSHING	Friday, 14th March, at Noon.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. T. Horii T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 27th February
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope T. 16,000	THURSDAY, 27th Feb., 11 A.M.
AMERICA &c	SHIDZUOKA MARU Capt. A. Iriawa T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 26th Feb., at Noon.
	STAMBA MARU Capt. J. Ieranku T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
EUROPE &c	ATSUTA MARU Capt. J. Nagao T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., at daylight.
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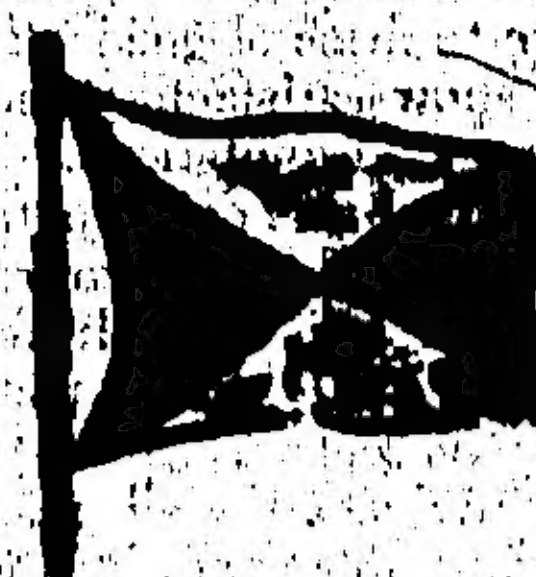
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A New Turbine and the National Fuel Supply.

Mr. de Ferranti, recently described in the course of the 1913 James Watt lecture, delivered at Greenock, on the subject of "Prime Movers," a new turbine suitable for electric power supply, and also advanced interesting views showing that it should not be necessary to import fuel from abroad, but that if, with the growth of experience, our coal be properly used, it will furnish all the fuel necessary, not only for our power supply on land, but also for the heavy oil required for the Royal Navy and the light oils necessary for automobiles. In an interesting article dealing with the subject, the engineering correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—

Mr. de Ferranti, it is obvious from his James Watt lecture, is not an advocate of the building of Diesel engines of extremely high power. He states that "few people have any conception of the failures and breakdowns which have occurred, and which are frequently occurring, with the big experimental engines that have been constructed." In Germany, especially, where so much has been done in this direction, they carefully avoid informing the foreigner on these points. In the fight which is now in progress between the internal combustion engine and the modern steam turbine for premier place in furnishing the world's power, it has to be admitted that the turbine though less economical in actual fuel consumption, has many great advantages, and for large powers is to-day practically unassailable, though for small powers it is naturally uneconomical. For small powers the internal combustion reciprocating engine as a prime mover is in every way the best. As the turbine gets bigger so it is easier to construct, and it also becomes more economical. As the gas or oil engine gets bigger the constructional difficulties increase. On the other hand, as the turbine is reduced in power its economy falls off badly, and it is difficult to make a satisfactory machine. The internal combustion engine, on the contrary, becomes a most satisfactory and economical machine in small sizes, as witness the thousands of gas engines in use all over the world and the beautiful engines working on the Diesel cycle, which are small enough to avoid water cooling of the pistons. The James Watt Lecturer thinks that this division of the means of power production by large and small units between the rotary and reciprocating is almost a natural law, and those who seek to evade it must either invent some new principle or court endless trouble, expense, and failure.

With regard to the design of prime movers generally, it is, of course, fundamental that the higher the temperature of the working fluid the higher is the economy that can be obtained. High temperatures have, however, frequently proved extremely difficult to work with, and as an example of this there may be pointed out the low working temperatures of turbines for marine propulsion. Seeing, however, that the difficulties were mechanical, and that great advantage could be derived if these troubles were overcome, Mr. de Ferranti commenced experimenting some years ago, and has now succeeded in producing a turbine which, at the highest temperatures, and with a great and rapid variation of temperatures, is quite free from mechanical troubles. Contrary to what might have been expected with a high temperature machine it runs with certainty with a blade clearance that is so small that it is almost negligible from the point of view of loss by leakage, and the fear of the possibility of stripping appears to have been effectively removed. In this turbine the steam is superheated initially and after the first expansion, and whilst it is still superheated, it is resuperheated before it does its work in the second stage of the turbine. After this

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SHORT STORY.

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will that backs and dominates the Legation Quarter. There were sentries up there, too—loyal soldiers silhouetted against the radiant sky. Just beyond either end of the confines of the Quarter, more than a mile apart, loomed the great pagodas over the Chien and Hata gates. She knew that these, like the wall, were occupied now—the Hatamen by German troops, the Chienmen by American—in order that the perils of 1900 might not be invited again.

The hotel might be a past-board Paris; this was Peking—Peking the swarming, Peking the ramshackle, Peking the barbaric, Peking the enchanting. She wished for the moment that the scattered mutterings of revolution might really gather and break. Then perhaps the royal Manchou family would flee again through the sacred gates, as in 1900; perhaps beautiful, poised, harem girls would seek refuge here in the Quarter; perhaps wonderful old eunuchs, right out of Marco Polo and the "Arabian Nights," would come flying in terror from within the secret walls that had hidden the intrigues of an empire.

For a moment the two "rickshaws" ran side by side. Captain Waters looked across at the glowing face beside him; then, with speeding pulse, dropped his eyes.

A German sentry stopped them at the East Gate, marked the Captain's uniform, saluted, and stood aside. They swung across the flat glacis to the wide and populous Hatamen Street. As they turned north, the Captain showed his teeth and pointed ahead. The light was fading fast, but she could make out a long string of laden camels approaching, swaying and dipping and winding above the traffic of the street like an endless brown serpent.

"You see," he called across, "the danger is past now. Traffic is going on again. You can trust John Chinaman's instinct."

Edith looked about. Hundreds of yellow-skinned ones were pressing coolies in tiers or bare of back and leg, merchants in long blue gabardines and black skull-caps with red buttons. A few young men caught her eye, fell in and ran behind her, shouted Oriental insults, and swelled to a crowd.

The rickshaws were closed. "Are you sure it is safe?" asked Edith.

The Captain scattered them with a look and a word. "Perfectly," he replied then. "They would do this any time. There's always some anti-foreign feeling, you know."

The Captain shouted at the rickshaw men. They turned off, plucked a way through the crowd, and entered a narrow side street. It was nearly dark here. The Captain stopped down and came to her side.

"We'll leave the rickshaws here," he said, "and have a look-see on foot."

He reached up to take her hand, but she eluded him and leaped to the pavement like a boy. As she did so she was unconsciously aware that his eyes were intent on the free movements of

her slim body. Then he took her arm and guided her along the crowded footway, up the dim little street.

They stopped before a row of barred and shuttered buildings. "That's what I was afraid of," said the Captain easily. "We're too late. Not much doing here after nightfall, you know. They haven't learned yet all that artificial light will do for them. I guess it's a case of go back to the hotel—that is, if you feel you must hurry."

He consulted his watch. "It's early—not much after five. We might walk along the big street and see the sight."

Miss Austin looked squarely at him and shook her head. "No," she said; "we'll go back."

There was something in the quality of her voice that caused him to relax his hold on her arm. A puzzled expression flitted into his eyes and out again.

"See," he observed in a casual voice, as they turned; "if you are still thinking of any possible danger, look at that."

Wheeling into the narrow way from the Hatamen Street came an imposing procession of mule-litters and carts, preceded by a huge, gaudily decorated sedan-chair with eight bearers and as many outrunners.

"It's some rich Chinaman," the Captain went on, "coming back with his wives and his treasures. A fortnight ago they were all flying to the sea-coast for foreign protection. This tells the story. If there was the slightest danger you'd never see that outfit turning into this street. John! Tell you, is a wise person—the wisest on earth."

The natives were crowding against the buildings to make way for the great man. Miss Austin stood on tiptoe and looked over a blue shoulder.

Behind the glass front of the red chain some object was moving. It was a face, doubtless the face of the great man. She looked past it to the row of three, four, five litters. Was there a wife—or a concubine—shut away in each? How would it seem to be one of a man's several wives? That was certainly what you had to submit to in China. Perhaps—she was thinking of the man at her side with the big shoulders and the watery blue eyes—perhaps the experience was not wholly unknown to the secret-most hearts of patient women in Western lands. She wished she hadn't come with him—even moved half a step away from him, almost against a staring yellow man. If the man only knew how she hated, hated to be touched!

A dark figure appeared on a roof farther down the street, nearly where the red chair was passing. He wore baggy trousers and leggings, a carbine slung across his back, a small turban on his head, and on his left wrist a falcon. By this token she knew him for a Manchou.

The man slowly raised his right hand, poised it for an instant, then threw something that might have been a piece of pipe, and that circled slowly, end over end, into the shadows of the street.

"A bomb!"

She heard the word; then, before her mind could compass the situation, Captain Waters lifted her off the ground and almost threw her back into a recessed doorway.

The was an explosion that flattened her against the wood as if it meant to drive her through, that tore at her ear-drums, that raked the ground under her feet, that hurled sprawling figures against her. For a moment she was unconscious. She must have fallen into the Captain's arms. Certainly, when her brain cleared he was gripping her close in his iron left arm, and his right hand was in the act of lowering an automatic pistol. She wondered if he had been shooting.

Her eyes opened wide, and she made an effort to free herself. It must have been a weak effort, for he paid not the slightest attention to it. He was staring out into the little street, that was now a smoking little of wreckage. He raised his revolver again, hesitated, then lowered it.

The red chair had disappeared entirely; indeed, what appeared to be a place of it was lying almost at her feet. Where it had been when the bomb fell, the street was choked with a confused tangle of bricks, boards, mules, and human bodies.

(To be concluded on Monday)

COMMERCIAL

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby, in their weekly share report, dated February 22, state:

In local stocks there has been a good inquiry for investment account during the week and a fair amount of business has been put through. There has also been a good business done in Shells, Ural Caspians and Mexican Eagles at or about quotations.

Para Rubber is quoted from London at 4 1/4 lb and Shares market in London yesterday closed on the easy side.

Dr Silver is 28 3/8 per oz for ready and 28 9/16 per oz for forward delivery.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 2/3 1/2 TT.

Banks:—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks are easy with sellers at \$32 7/8; the London price has declined from \$35 to \$34 middle.

Marine Insurances:—There are sellers of Unions at \$830 and buyers at \$827 1/2. Cantons are in demand at the improved rate of \$275. North China are quoted from the North at Tls. 13 1/4 and Yangtzes at \$190 ex 13 buyers.

Fire Insurances:—Hongkong Fires are firm at \$335 and China Fires are in demand at \$163.

Shipping:—Indos are obtainable at \$88; the London quotation is unchanged at \$810/10 middle. Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats have sold at 28.1-4 and 28.1-2, closing with buyers at the former and sellers at the latter rate. Star Ferries have declined from \$35 to \$35.1-2 sellers, buyers offering \$35.

China and Manilas have changed hands at \$10. Douglas's are enquired for at \$34 and Shell Transports are quoted from London at 112/10 middle.

Refineries:—China Sugars are in demand at \$105 and Luzons at \$38.

Mining:—Rauba are wanted at \$3.85, after sales at \$3.70 and \$3.80. Langkats have buyers at Tls. 72-1-2; a dividend of Tls. 1 have been declared for the first quarter, payable on the 15th March. Tronohs are quoted from London at 85/6 middle.

Docks Wharves & Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have declined from \$61.1-2 to \$59 sellers owing to rumours being circulated that there will be no dividend for 1912. Shanghai Docks are steady at Tls. 60. Kowloon Wharves have buyers at \$76 after sales at \$77 and \$76.1-2. Hongkong Wharves are quoted at Tls. 107.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands have buyers at \$101; Kowloon Lands at \$34, West Point at 54/3 and Hotels at \$115 and \$74. Humphreys Estates have improved from \$8 to \$8 1/2 buyers. Shanghai Lands are quoted at Tls. 88 from Shanghai.

Cottons:—Hongkong Cottons have sold at \$10 and 9 1/2, closing with further sellers at the latter rate. Kung Yiks are in demand at Tls. 16 1/2. Laoon Kung Mows at Tls. 108 1/2 and Soy Chees at Tls. 40 x dividend at Tls. 5 per share paid yesterday. Ewos are easier with sellers at Tls. 147, and Shanghai Cottons are quiet at Tls. 136.

Miscellaneous:—There are buyers of Electric at \$23 1/2. Ropes at \$20. Dairy Farms at \$23 1/2. Union Waterboats at \$14 after sales at the rate, Watsons at \$6.40 and Watkins at \$3.00. China Providents are steady at \$8.80, ex. dividend, of 70 cents paid yesterday. Cements have sellers at \$4.80. Steam Laundries at \$4 and Hongkong Electric Trams at 6s. 4d.

Quotations received by cable from London to-day:

Banks 284 1/2 Middle price

Indos 28/10/0

Shells 25/12/0

Tronohs 24/5/6

United

Serdangs 13/0

Electric

Trams 6/4

Ural

Caspians 55/8

Mexican

Eglos 42/0

The Flying Man.

The Straits Times remarks:—Our quondam friend of the hydroplane, Mr. Atwater, was seen to race on his hydroplane with an automobile on January 21. However, the event did not come off, for the propeller was broken, a complaint that would appear to be chronic with Mr. Atwater's machine.

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OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Havre, Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg:
" SOWARDURG 24th Feb.	" S.S. BAISGAVIA 11th March
" SPEZIA 28th March	" S.S. AMBRIA 12th March
" SOANDIA 10th March	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
" SITHONIA 28th March	" S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS 18th March
" LIBERIA 3rd April	For Marseilles, Bremen & Hamburg:
	" S.S. BELGRAVIA 19th March
	For Havre & Hamburg:
	" S.S. SILEZIA 23rd March
	For Havre & Hamburg:
	" S.S. SCHWARZBURG 26th March
	For Rotterdam, Bremen, H. & A. warf:
	" S.S. SITHONIA 28th March
	For Havre & Hamburg:
	" S.S. SACHSEN 12th April
	" S.S. SCANDIA 14th April

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WESTWARD.The S.S. "QUILLOA" 6797 tons gross, Captain Cols, will be despatched
for SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON on the 12th March, at noon,
taking cargo at current rates.

EASTWARD.

The S.S. "MUTTRA" 4641 tons gross, Captain H. Carey, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA, & KOBE on the 12th March at noon, and will
be followed by the S.S. "FULTALA" 4154 tons gross, Captain H. W.
Tallent, sailing here on or about the 19th March at noon, taking cargo
and passengers at current rates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 21st February, 1913.

LOG BOOK.

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It is exhausted in a superheated condition through a regenerator to the condenser. The whole of the blading is electrically welded, as to avoid the straining due to caulking at the high temperatures that are reached, and also the loosening that occurs owing to the same cause. The blading is formed of mild steel, with a thin coating of pure sheet nickel electrically welded on to the surface. It is most accurately finished to shape by a process of step by step pressing under very heavy pressure. The blading, the sections of which are very exact, is welded in position with the accuracy of the automatic machine that is used for the purpose, and every opportunity is thus given for realizing the best results. Although the turbine is of the reaction type no balance dummy is used. The whole of the end and load is taken on a specially constructed thrust, thus saving steam leakage. The steam is worked as gas at high temperature throughout the turbine, and this, coupled with the many improvements referred to, has given very good results. The 5,000 h.p. machine, which has now been running for some time, when tested at a load of two thirds full power, has given a shaft horsepower of 7.15 of steam, which is supplied by an oil-fired boiler superheater system of 85 per cent. efficiency, which has already been exceeded in central station practice, would consume less than 325 lb. of oil per shaft horsepower. From many tests already made it appears that when this turbine is run at full load under favourable conditions it will take less than 6 lbs. of steam per shaft horsepower, and that the system under the conditions named will have a thermal efficiency of over 24 per cent., corresponding to an oil consumption of about 55 lb. of oil per shaft horsepower. The tests are being proceeded with, but as the turbine is run continuously in supplying power to a large work, the results vary very slightly.

is not easy to do what is necessary to enable tests to be carried out. This system, when applied on a large scale, will be capable of giving an overall thermal efficiency of 29 per cent. When the advantages of the turbine system in the way of lightness, simplicity, and certainly no borne in mind, and when they are compared with what is known of the complicated reciprocating oil engine now being introduced for marine purposes the possibilities of the new system of high temperature gas-turbine become of great interest. Steam as a practical motive power, so brilliantly invented and applied by James Watt, has had a long and most useful application in our civilization, but it cannot be looked upon as the eventual solution of the power problem even for large powers. It can, however, be immensely improved in efficiency, and as it does not appear that there is any other system at present which will fill the same requirements it is probable that it will still have an enormous application. With a high temperature steam turbine of large size generating electricity to supply power for all purposes on land, one has the advantage of a machine of the highest efficiency, which is not limited to oil for its fuel. It is probable that as improvements are made the whole of the coal used for firing these large units will be gasified and the by-products recovered. When this result is brought about we shall have not only an ample and cheap supply of fertilizer for the land, but also a great quantity of the tur oils, which will form a suitable means of firing for naval purposes, and will relieve us from the necessity of purchasing fuel oil abroad, and the risk and cost which this process involves. We shall also have an ample supply of benzol for all our small motor requirements. This, Mr. de Ferranti holds, is the solution of the fuel problem for these motors rather than in the production of alcohol on a large scale from the land, as has lately been advocated. When we are supplied with ample quantities of

VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
London and Antwerp	Carmarthenshire	J. M. & Co.	1 March
London, Rotterdam & Antwerp	Glenroy	S. T. & Co.	5th March, about
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Somali	P. & O. Co.	5 March, about
London via Usual Ports of Call	Devanha	P. & O. Co.	1 March
Europe	Atsuta Maru	N. Y. K.	20 February
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Brigavina	H. A. L.	11 March
do do do	O. J. D. Ahlers	H. A. L.	18 March
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Dunerie	Bank Line	End of February
Marseilles, Bremen, and Hamburg, &c.	Boigravia	H. A. L.	18 March
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Bayo Maru	T. K. K.	23 April
U.K. & Continental Ports	Glenlogan	S. T. & Co.	Middle of March
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	4 March, about
Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	13 March

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York	Ambria	H. A. L.	12 March
Boston & New York via Ports & Suez (anal)	Indradeo	S. T. & Co.	26 Feb about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	China	P. M. Co.	25 February
do do do do do	Chigo Maru	N. Y. K.	11 March
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Shanghai, &c.	Canada Maru	O. S. K.	5 March
Via Erie, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Shidzuoka Maru	N. Y. K.	25 February
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	8 March
Vancouver B.C. and Portland (Or.)	Sithonia	H. A. L.	30 March
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	5 April

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. & Co.	11 March
do do do	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
do do do	Guthrie	B. & S.	24 February

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Bombay via Singapore & Colombo	Totomari Maru	N. Y. K.	3 March
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Arratona Apar.	D. S. & Co.	20 February
do do do do	Yatsling	J. M. & Co.	14 March
Singapore, Penang and Rangoon	Quiloo	J. M. & Co.	12 March
Samalakan	Mausang	J. M. & Co.	27 February
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	End of February
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	4 March, about
do do	Iyo Maru	N. Y. K.	13 March
do do	Kitano Maru	T. K. K.	27 March
Yokohama and Kobe	Muttra	J. M. & Co.	12 March
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yuwata Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Austria	S. W. & Co.	1 April, about
Manila	Loongaang	J. M. & Co.	1 March
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	25 February
do do do do do	Kuifong	B. & S.	25 February
do do do do do	Rabi	S. T. & Co.	7 March
do do do do do	Cheongshing	J. M. & Co.	23 February
do do do do do	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	20 February
do do do do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	25 February
do do do do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	28 February
do do do do do	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	20 February
do do do do do	Taitou Maru	O. S. K.	22 February
do do do do do	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	23 February
do do do do do	Liaugchow	B. & S.	25 February
do do do do do	Dun of Glamis	J. M. & Co.	10 March
do do do do do	Schwartzburg	H. A. L.	28 February
do do do do do	Spezia	H. A. L.	8 March
do do do do do	Saudia	H. A. L.	10 March
do do do do do	Nera	M. M. Co.	24 February
do do do do do	Kumakura Maru	N. Y. K.	26 February
do do do do do	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	15 March
do do do do do	Nippon	A. N. & Co.	7 March, about
do do do do do	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do do do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do do do	Thikini	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do do do	Africa	S. W. & Co.	1 March
do do do do do	Delta	P. & O. Co.	27 Feb, about
do do do do do	Hangsang	J. M. & Co.	25 February

To Sail

Hongkong—New York.



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HONGKONG-NEW YORK

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Hongkong, Jan. 27th 1913.

that the Secretary be requested not to undertake other work unconnected with the Guild and that he be granted an increase of salary to compensate for this.

After further discussion, the

To Sail

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

(Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and Mauritius.)

THE Steamship

"JELUNGA"

Capt. D. Macfarlan, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY the 25th Feb., at 1 p.m.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1913.

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second amendment was carried.

It was proposed and seconded that a vote of entire confidence in the Secretary be passed. Carried.

It was proposed and seconded that letters be addressed to all the companies stating that while appreciating the advance in pay recently granted, the members of the China Coast Officers' Guild feel great dissatisfaction that the advances should have been communicated to them individually instead of through the medium of the Guild which is representative of their professional interests.

Carried. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Tientsin.	Cheongshing
Swatow.	Haimun
Swatow.	Daigi Maru
Swatow.	Anghin.

DEPART ON MONDAY.

Macao.	Sui Tai.
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VESSELS ADVERTISED TO ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessels
Moji.	Japan.
Manila.	Mancharia.
Shanghai.	Hangsang.

ARRIVE ON MONDAY.

Europe.	Nova.
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. China, sailed from San Francisco on the 17th ult., for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Japan Ports and Manila.

The P. M. s.s. Nile, with the American mail, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, the usual Japan ports and Manila on the 8th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru left San Francisco via usual ports of call on the 11th inst., at noon.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyo Maru arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 18th inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 4th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru leaves San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 20th prox.

The P. M. s.s. China, will leave this port at 1 p.m. on the 25th inst., for San Francisco via Manila, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

The P. M. s.s. Mongolia with the American mail left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu the usual Japan Ports and Manila on the 15th inst.

The P. M. s.s. Manchuria is due at this port from Manila, on the 23rd inst., between noon and 2 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of Japan left Yokohama on the 16th inst., at 2 p.m., and is due to arrive at Vancouver, B.C., on the 28th inst.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Waldemar left Sydney on the 8th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Sydney on the 12th inst., from Manila and this port via Queensland Ports and Port Darwin.

FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. s.s. Ville de la France will leave for Europe on the 25th inst. at 1 p.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig, which left here on the 22nd ult., at 10 a.m., arrived at Genoa on the 18th inst. at 7 a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Coblenz, which left here on the 25th ult., at 3 p.m., arrived at Sydney on the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Mogul Lines s.s. Ghazee left United Kingdom on the 26th Jan., for the Far East via Straits.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru leaves Honolulu for Yokohama on the 14th inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 20th prox.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Kumsang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 1st prox.

The s.s. Zafiro left Manila on the 20th inst., and is due here on the 22nd inst., p.m.

The s.s. Japan from Shanghai and Kobe left Moji on the 19th inst., morning, and may be expected here on the 23rd inst., a.m.

The Agents of The Bank Line Ltd., at Kobe are in receipt of a wireless message from the Commander of their s.s. Polaris advising that he expected to reach port on the 20th inst. This steamer discharges in Japan and then proceeds to Manila and Hongkong.

The s.s. Glenlochy passed the Suez Canal on 18th inst., for Hongkong via Straits.

The P. & O. s.s. Wakool is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 6th prox., at 6 a.m.

The H. A. L. s.s. Schwarzburg left Singapore on the 21st inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 28th inst., a.m.

The German s.s. Borneo left Sandakan on the 20th inst., and may be expected here on the 26th inst., a.m.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s s.s. Nippon left Suez on the 11th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 10th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru, left Manzanillo for Honolulu on the 28th ult., and is due in Hongkong on the 20th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru, left Callao for Iquique and Valparaiso on the 29th ult.

The s.s. Glenfarg, passed the Suez Canal on the 24th ult., for Hongkong via Straits.

The A. & O. s.s. Welsh Prince from New York left Sabang on the 16th inst., is expected here on the 26th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Bessie Dollar, Br. s.s., 2,797, J. M. & Co. 16th Feb.—J. M. & Co.

Graham, 16th Feb.—J. M. & Co.

Manila, P.I. 13th Feb.—J. M. & Co.

Lumber—Robert Dollar & Co.

Chonan, Br. s.s., 1,355, J. Owen 20th Feb.—Shanghai

16th Feb, Gen.—B. & S.

China, Am. s.s., 3,185, H. Thompson 18th Feb.—San Francisco 17th Jan, Gen.—P. M. Co.

Chun Sang, Br. s.s., 1,418, Matlock 18th Feb.—Sandakan

12th Feb, Timber—J. M. & Co.

Cheongshing, Br. s.s., 1,909, Lidell 29th Jan.—Bangkok

20th Jan, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Reher 12th Feb.—Bangkok 3rd Feb, Rice—B. & S.

Derwent, Ger. s.s., 1,562, Jensen 6th Feb.—Tegah via P. Laut 28th Jan, Sugar—Chinese

Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, Malkin 18th Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb, Rice—Chinese

Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 898, O. Anderson 20th Feb.—Bangkok 19th Feb, Rice—A. T. & Co.

Fushiki Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,140, Tanaka 19th Feb.—Fochow 17th Feb, Ballast—M. H. K.

Guthrie, Br. s.s., Gambrell 20th Feb.—Sydney via Manila 17th Feb, Gen.—B. & S.

Glenhi, Br. s.s., 2,649, Henderson 16th Feb.—Moji 10th Feb, Coal—G. & Co.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, Evans 21st Feb.—Swatow 20th Feb, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Jelunga, Br. s.s., 3,360, Macfarlan 19th Feb.—Moji 14th Feb, Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, Island 21st Feb.—Macao 20th Feb, Salt—J. C. & Co.

Kachidate Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,125, Wakayama 8th Feb.—Niike 2nd Feb, Coal—M. B. K.

Kaifong, Br. s.s., Plunkett Cole 21st Feb.—Manila 19th Feb, Sugar—Order.

Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,143, Lewis 20th Feb.—Cebu 16th Feb, Ballast—B. & S.

Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,292, Rother 18th Feb.—Bangkok 8th Feb, Rice—B. & S.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,220, Foreyn 18th Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb, Rice—B. & S.

Kutsang, Br. s.s., 3,109, Bradley 21st Feb.—Singapore 15th Feb, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lianchow, Br. s.s., 1,148, Walker 18th Feb.—Chingwantao 12th Feb, Coal—B. & S.

Loongaang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask 18th Feb.—Manila, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Luchow, Br. s.s., 1,216, Meathrol 19th Feb.—Saigon 15th Feb, Rice—Order.

Machao, Br. s.s., 4,276, L. Harbord 19th Feb.—Shanghai 15th Feb, Gen.—B. & S.

Matseang, Br. s.s., 1,644, A. C. A. Corncock 21st Feb.—Sandakan 15th Feb, Lumber—J. M. & Co.

Minnesota, Am. s.s., 13,323, T. W. Garlick 24th Jan.—Seattle 18th Dec, and Manila 22nd Jan, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Michael-Jensen, Ger. s.s., 991, Jacobson 19th Feb.—Haiphong and Hoihow 19th Feb, Gen.—J. & Co.

Monteagle, Br. s.s., 3,953, T. L. Davison, Vancouver 27th Jan, Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Shidzuoka Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,072, Iriawa 18th Feb.—Seattle 14th Jan, Flour—N. Y. K.

Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,042, Jenkins 3rd Feb.—Saigon 26th Jan, Rice—Chinese

Tientsin, Br. s.s

COMPANY MEETING.

(Continued from page 5).

The information given us of Branch Premises in course of erection or extension in banking and commercial centres in widely separate parts of the world evidences the expanding business and enterprise of the Bank, and it is satisfactory to know that from all places in various countries favourable reports have been received with good prospects for the present year. This, you will agree, is a very pleasing announcement. (Applause.)

There is one other point of outstanding interest, the all important matter of the loan negotiations at Peking. We have all followed with deep interest the progress of these negotiations in which the Bank is so largely concerned. We must all be glad to learn from the chairman that the terms of a final agreement have at last been arranged, and that final settlement now only rests on diplomatic decisions. This being so, we trust to the resources of diplomacy, to find the means of early settlement of the outstanding difficulties and ultimate satisfactory agreement between China and the Powers concerned. Given this solution in the near future, there is every indication from all that the chairman has so lucidly set before us, of our seeing markedly prosperous trading times ahead, embracing extended development of the resources of China, for the undoubted benefit of her people and incidentally of all trading with her.

Gentlemen, with these comments I beg to second the resolution that the report and accounts as presented be duly passed.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Appointments.
Mr. T. F. Hough proposed that the appointment of Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. J. A. Plummer as directors be confirmed and that Mr. G. Friesland, Mr. H. A. Siebs and Mr. C. S. Gubbay be re-elected directors. Mr. W. Dunbar seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. Barton, seconded by Mr. H. J. Gedge, Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected auditors for the year.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. The dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

PASSPORT REMINDER.

The following notification issued from the Colonial Secretary's Department, appears in the Government Gazette:—All non-Chinese persons in this Colony are reminded that they are liable to arrest if they cross the border line of the New Territories without passports. British subjects who desire to obtain passports should address themselves to H. B.M.'s Vice-Consul, Canton, forwarding at the same time the necessary fee, viz., \$4.20.

Dallas Comedy Company.
The Dallas Comedy Company open their season at the Theatre Royal to-night with "The Glad Eye." On Monday night "What Every Woman Knows" will be staged. H.E., the Governor, has promised to attend on both nights, and we understand that the booking is quite unusually good.

CASE REOPENED.

A Story of Lost Macintoshes.

The case was reopened this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, in which two Chinese were charged with attempting to steal two macintoshes from Mrs. Fellow's house in Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon.

The hearing of extra evidence was done on an application by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who appeared on behalf of one of the defendants.

Evidence as to good character was given and a Chinese, who was called, deposed that he did not see the defendants enter Mrs. Fellow's house. He only saw them walking slowly and later saw a crowd gather, but for what reason he did not know. When he got up to them, the crowd dispersed.

Mr. Gardiner:—That is all the evidence I can give at present.

Mr. Melbourne:—The evidence is that he saw the defendants walking slowly, then a crowd gathered, and before he got up to them the crowd disappeared. These men were going out to buy dog's meat, and there were only two or three men in the street. No one else was in sight and one man ran away; apparently this is not the man who ran away. The evidence is that these men were in Humphreys Avenue, and they walked very slowly, in front of the lady's house. She only went upstairs for two minutes, and, on coming down, found the macintoshes had gone. These men are apparently of good character. The master says one has been in his employ for two months, and has had charge of the house, and as far as he knows, was an excellent servant. The other had been in his employ for 6 months. I cannot grant a rehearing but I can grant you an application for an appeal.

ARMS IN A CUPBOARD.

Woman Heavily Fined This Morning.

This morning at the Police Court, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Sergt. Grant charged a Chinese woman with unlawfully being in possession of two Browning pistols, and 207 rounds of ammunition.

Sergt. Grant said he executed a search warrant at the defendant's house 16, Sau Wah Fong. The police information was that she was the wife of a man who had already been charged. They went to the house and found the arms concealed in the cupboard together with the ammunition, while, just above, they found a book showing a large number of entries of ammunition that had been sold. This was not a case of a man returning from America with one revolver, ignorant of the law, but a case where the articles were being kept for sale.

He would ask for a heavy penalty.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

Warning to Mariners.
In a notice to mariners issued by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., masters of vessels using Lyceumun are cautioned to go dead slow while passing Lyceumun Beacon during the repairs now in progress on that structure.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Coastports, s.s. Kaijo-maru.
Shanghai, s.s. Canada-maru.
Shanghai, s.s. Ixion.
Saigon, s.s. Pheumpenh.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Due Shanghai
Jan. 30 Feb. 15
Jan. 31 Feb. 17

MAILS DUE.

French, Nera, 24th inst.

The Nera with the French Mail is expected to arrive here on Monday afternoon the 24th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 23rd Feb., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Tamsui—Per Daigimaru, 23rd Feb., 9 a.m.

Siam—Per Fritjof, 24th Feb., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 24th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Tsingtau, North China, and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Nera, 24th Feb., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe and Moji—Per Kutsang, 24th Feb., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C., and Seattle (Europe via Siberia)—Per Shidzuoka-maru, 25th Feb., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Ville de la Citat, 25th Feb., 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Jelunga, 25th Feb., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 25th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 25th Feb., 3 p.m.

Japan via Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Ixion, 25th Feb., 2 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco—Per China, 25th Feb., 2 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Kalfong, 25th Feb., 3 p.m.

Ningpo—Per Shaoching, 25th Feb., 3 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Si-kiang, 26th Feb., 8 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 26th Feb., 9 a.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sungkiang, 26th Feb., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Guthrie, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 26th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Daini—Per Liangchow, 26th Feb., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 27th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Linan, 27th Feb., 3 p.m.

Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 27th Feb., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 28th Feb., 9 a.m.

Sandakan—Per Rajah, 29th Feb., 4 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.) (Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 28th Feb., at 5 p.m.—Per Devanha, 1st Mar., 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Japan, 1st Mar., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per Loong-sang, 1st Mar., 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 4th Mar., 8 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Calchoas, Br. s.s. 4,278, J. W. Walker, 21st Feb.—Singapore 16th Feb. Gen.—B. & S.

Hampshire, Br. s.s. 10,800, O. E. Hunter, 21st Feb.—Malta and Singapore 13th Jan.

Waisheng, Br. s.s. 1,170, Holmwood, 21st Feb.—Saigon 17th Feb. Rice.—J. M. & Co.

Siam, Br. s.s. 992, F. Pryne, 21st Feb.—Port Courbet 19th Feb. Coal.—L. & R.

Kumohow, Br. s.s. 1,450, Martin, 21st Feb.—Saigon 17th Feb. Gen.—Chinese.

Taito Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,246, Ishikawa, 21st Feb.—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 20th Feb. Sundries.—O. S. K.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s. Jurgensen, 21st Feb.—Pakhoi and Hoihow, Gen.—J. & Co.

Yingchow, Br. s.s. 1,216, McIntosh, 21st Feb.—Amoy 20th Feb. Ballast.—B. & S.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,592, Yamamoto, 22nd Feb.—Swatow 21st Feb. Papers.—O. S. K.

Pheumpenh, Br. s.s. 1,065, J. H. Scott, 22nd Feb.—Saigon 17th Feb. Rice.—Wo Fat Sing.

Marie, Ger. s.s. 1,139, Schleikyer, 22nd Feb.—Canton 21st Feb. Ballast.—J. & Co.

Clara Jebben, Ger. s.s. 1,133, Uderup, 22nd Feb.—Rangoon, Gen.—J. & Co.

Canada Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,739, K. Hori, 22nd Feb.—Tacoma and Shanghai 20th Feb. Gen.—O. S. K.

Ixion, Br. s.s. 5,627, Riephamer, 22nd Feb.—Manila 19th Feb. Gen.—B. & S.

Daiya Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,704, Kobayashi, 22nd Feb.—Wakamatsu 16th Feb. Coal.—M. B. G. K.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Feb. 21.

Fukura-maru, for Moji.

Achilles, for Singapore.

Prinz Sigismund, for Melbourne.

Hanoi, for Pakhoi.

Calchoas, for Shanghai.

Feb. 22.

Johanne, for Haiphong.

Chowtai, for Singapore.

Cheongshing, for Tientsin.

Siam, for Canton.

Yuensang, for Manila.

Ischia, for Bombay.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Daiya-maru, for Wakamatsu.

Tsuru-maru, for Moji.

Beasie Dollar, for San Francisco.

Michael Jebben, for Haiphong.

Tientsin, for Saigon.

Liangchow, for Canton.

Daiyu-maru, for Tamsui.

Chenan, for Shanghai.

DEPARTED.

Feb. 22.

Sabine Rickmers, for Foochow.

Bellerophon, for Liverpool.

Nankin, for Yokohama.

Taito-maru, for Takao.

P. Sigismund, for Philippine Is.

Ischia, for Bombay.

Achilles, for Straits.

Yuensang, for Philippine Islands.

Rajah, for Sandakan.

Fukura-maru, for Moji.

Hanoi, for Haiphong.

Anglin, for Swatow.

Tsuru-maru, for Moji.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Nankin, arrived 21st inst. from London, &c.—

Austin, Guise.

Ashby, Gardner, F.

Burby, Hallett.

Barber, Le Sage, Miss.

Bonfield, Paterson, H. J.

Barrington, J. H. Pyde, T. D.

Courtesy, Miss N. Pinson, A. P.

Cattell, Paterson, Mrs.

Compton, Miss Roy, Lt. R. S.

Cattell, A. S. Stonor.

Daleley, Dr. Tallas, Mrs.

Dallas, Mr. and William.

Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Prinz Ritel Friedrich, sailed on 21st inst. for Shanghai, &c.—

Amredali, L. Goldenberg.

Acuna, M. Johnson, Nier.

Anderson, G. H. Josephawa.

Bromhead, N. C. King, Dr. J. K.

Bunch, Rev. F. Low, S.

N. Leung, K. H.

Proeg, George Meyer, Mr. and Mrs.

Cruze, P. Winning.

Coburney, G. N. Stuarth, R.

Chan Ka-fat, Sequeira, Mr. & David, J. A. Mrs. E. J. de.

Elder, Mr. and Stanislaus.

Mrs. A. G. Xaylor, Mrs. Farlas, J. A.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 12.10.—Conditions over the whole area are abnormal.

A depression lies over S.E. Manchuria. A shallow depression covers China and Indo-China. Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. China but decreased elsewhere.

Light or variable winds and fog are indicated along the E. coast of China and over the northern shores of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. Light or variable winds, cloudy foggy.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooks. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

22nd February, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force.

Wostock 7a 29.61 34 96 — 0 0

Nemuro 6a — — — — — 0 0

Hakodate — — — — — 0 0

Tokio — — — — — 0 0

Kochi — — — — — 0 0

Nagasaki — — — — — 0 0

K'shima — — — — — 0 0

Oshima — — — — — 0 0

Naha — — — — — 0 0

Ishijima — — — — — 0 0

Bonin Is. — — — — — 0 0

Chefoo — — — — — 0 0

Whaiwei — — — — — 0 0

Hankow — — — — — 0 0

Iohang — — — — — 0 0

Kiukiang — — — — — 0 0

Changsha — — — — — 0 0

Shanghai — — — — — 0 0

Gutzlaff — — — — — 0 0

Sharp P. — — — — — 0 0

Amoy — — — — — 0 0

Taihou — — — — — 0 0

Taihu — — — — — 0 0

Tainan — — — — — 0 0

Koshun — — — — — 0 0

P'dores — — — — — 0 0

Canton — — — — — 0 0

H'kong — — — — — 0 0

Gap Rock — — — — — 0 0

Macao — — — — — 0 0

Wuchow — — — — — 0 0

Pakhoi — — — — — 0 0

Hoihow — — — — — 0 0

Phullen — — — — — 0 0

Tourane — — — — — 0 0

O. St. J. — — — — — 0 0

Apari — — — — — 0 0

Manila — — — — — 0 0

Legaspi — — — — — 0 0

Iloilo — — — — — 0 0

Bacolod — — — — — 0 0

Cebu — — — — — 0 0

Labuan — — — — — 0 0

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 22.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet, 0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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